

Public Enemy Lyrics

"Shut Em Down"

I testified
My mama cried
Black people died
When the other man lied
See the TV, listen to me double trouble
I overhaul and I'm comin'
From the lower level
I'm takin' tabs
Sho nuff stuff to grab
Like shirts it hurts
Wit a neck to wreck
Took a poll 'cause our soul
Took a toll
From the education
Of a TV station
But look around
Hear go the sound of the wreckin' ball
Boom and Pound
When I
Shut 'em down
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
What I use in the battle for the mind
I hit it hard
Like it supposed
Pullin' no blows to the nose
Like uncle L said I'm rippin' up shows
Then what it is
Only 5 percent of the biz
I'm addin' woes
That's how da way it goes
Then U think I rank never drank, point blank
I own loans
Suckers got me runnin' from the bank
Civil liberty I can't see to pay a fee
I never saw a way to pay a sap
To read the law
Then become a victim of a lawyer
Don't know ya, never saw ya
Tape cued
Gettin' me sued
Playin' games wit' my head
What the judge said put me in the red
Got me thinkin' 'bout a trigger to the lead
No no
My education mind say
Suckers gonna pay
Anyway

There gonna be a day
'Cause the troop they roll in
 To posse up
 Whole from the ground
 Ready to go
 Throw another round
 Sick of the ride
 It's suicide
 For the other side of town
When I find a way to shut 'em down
 Who count the money
 In da neigborhood
 But we spendin' money
 To no end lookin' for a friend
 In a war to the core
 Rippin' up the poor in da stores
 Till they get a brother
 Kickin' down doors
 Then I figure I kick it bigger
 Look 'em dead in the eye
 And they wince
 Defense is pressurized
 They don't want it to be
 Another racial attack
 In disguise so give some money back
 I like Nike but wait a minite
The neighborhood supports so put some
 Money in it
 Corporations owe
Dey gotta give up the dough
 To da town
 or else
We gotta shut 'em down